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908th Airlift Wing (Air Force Reserve Command), Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

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Trade stripes for bars

Deserving airmen can apply for officer vacancies

Qualified enlisted personnel get a chance to fill vacant officer positions within the wing via the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program.

The next DACP board convenes in December to fill three vacancies: (1) 908th OSF, Intel Officer (AFSC 14N3), technical school 42 weeks at Goodfellow AFB, Texas; (2) 908th MSS, Personnel Officer (AFSC 36P3), technical school 5 weeks at Keesler AFB, Miss., and (3) 357th AS, Operations Management Officers Ops Exec (AFSC -86M0), no formal school.

complete details of eligibility requirements for the DACP refer to AFI 36-2005 (available at the 908th AW Military Personnel Flight or via ARPC Website – www.arpc.af.mil)

An abbreviated version of those requirements is as follows.

- Have a baccalaureate degree or higher
- 18 35 years old (Note certain waiver conditions exist for someone beyond 35 years of age - see AFI 36-2005 for exact information regarding waivers)
 - Never held a commission
- Agree to meet the training requirements for the position assigned and remain in it for 3 years (non-rated career fields)
- Agree in writing to attend Academy of Military Science, the six-week Guard and Reserve version of the Air Force's Officer Training School
 - Achieve minimum AFOQT scores

"If you have or can meet these requirements you need to have all this information prepared and submitted not later than close of business of the December UTA," said 908th Airlift Wing vice commander Col. C.W. Fox. Fox chairs the wing board.

To apply those interested must provide: information indicating AFOQT exam completed, a military resume, a recommendation letter from his or her squadron commander regarding suitability for DACP, certified copy(ies) of college transcript, copies of last 3 EPRS (enlisted performance reports - if applicable depending on current length of service), completion of AF Form 24 (Application for Appointment as Reserves of the Air Force or USAF without Component), and a sheet listing personal preference, i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices of positions currently being offered.

Individual application packets must be mailed or hand-delivered to Ms Roxanne Ray, 908th AW, 401 West Maxwell Blvd, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.

For additional information or to ask questions, contact the 908th MPF or call Fox at DSN 493-9080 or e-mail Charles.Fox@maxwell.af.mil



Staff Sgt. Donald Matherson, left, and Senior Airman Micheal Smith work in the marshalling yard, weighing and marking pallets and preparing them to be loaded on an outbound aircraft.

Aerial port rolls into action

25th APS moves into high gear to load soldiers and cargo bound for war on terrorism



Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman speaks to deploying Alabama Army National Guard 20th Special Forces Group members, their families and friends during a deployment ceremony at Maxwell AFB Sept. 11.

By Maj. Jerry Lobb 908th Airlift Wing public affairs

The 25th Aerial Port Squadron recently assisted the 20th Special Forces Group, Alabama Army National Guard, depart Maxwell bound for the Middle East.

The advance team left in mid-August. However, the bulk of the activity took place during the week of Sept 9-15.

Cargo and vehicles arrived on base just after Labor Day. Rows of Humvees, trucks with trailers, and pallets of various materials were weighed, inspected and prepared for shipment.

Aircraft not often seen on the Maxwell flightline, monstrous C-5s, C-17s

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Wing, command buzz with activity



By Col. James Stewart 908th Airlift Wing commander

enator Jeff
Sessions and
Representative
Terry Everett visited us
Sept. 16. During this
ceremony, we broke
ground for a new Fuel
Cell and ISO dock.
Thanks to all involved for
organizing a first-rate
event.

Events like the ceremony on the 16th are needed to thank our congressmen for their support of the wing and particularly our construction plans. Following the ceremony, Senator Sessions and Representative Everett stayed for a time to discuss important local and national Reserve issues.

On the local front, we explained to the Senator and Congressman our long term plans to add a new ramp and buildings for the Maintenance Group and Aerial Port Squadron. Also, we discussed the new operations complex and it's significance in the overall plan. Our intent

was to show how the plan fits in with the overall development of Maxwell; thus, providing these gentlemen with information they can use to support our projects as they come up.

On the national front,

many of you are aware that there are proposals to reduce the reservist retirement age from 60 to 55. The Senator and Congressman were interested in our thoughts on the various proposals. We mentioned that Representative James Saxon has sponsored a bill in the House (a Senate version also exists) where every reservist can collect retirement at age 55 Those opposing this bill are concerned about its affect on retention past 20 years, and the increased cost of the program. However, a proposal sponsored in the Senate by Senator Mary Landrieu from Louisiana seems to offer an attractive option that will satisfy the individual reservist, DOD and the Congressional leadership. Under her proposal, for every two years reservists serve past 20, their retirement age would be lowered by a year. For example, a person who serves for 22 years could retire at age 59. If they served 24 years, they could retire at 58, etc., until finally, if they served 30 years, they would be able to retire at age 55. Both gentlemen thanked us for our inputs.

On another subject, recently most group and

squadron commanders joined me in attending the 22nd Air Force Senior Leadership Conference in Atlanta. A major topic of conversation was the wing organizational structure that per AFRC order GB-0025, took affect Oct. 1. Two specific issues dealing with the reorganization surfaced that General Bankers will discuss with Lt. Gen. Sherrard: keeping Plans within the wing headquarters, and placing the aerial delivery section of the Aerial Port

in the Operations Support Flight or Squadron. Another issue discussed was the Maintenance Group will keep its current administrative package, but will initially share these people until positions can be found to provide administrative support for the Mission Support Group.

Stay tuned for more on organizational changes. I'll pass them to you as they become available.

That's my update for now. Enjoy the exercise and have a great UTA!



Photo by Jeff Melvin

In the shadow of one of the 908th Airlift Wing's C-130s, Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright; U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions; Rep-Mobile; U.S. Rep. Terry Everett, R-Enterprise; and Maj. Gen. Bowen Ballard, mobilization assistant to the Air University commander; break ground for two maintenance hangars.

Pray Now! Take the time to send up prayers of thanks and gratitude

by Chaplain (1st Lt.) James Danforth, 908AW staff chaplian



read a bumper sticker the other day that said, "Pray – Now!" Part of me snickered at the thought of bowing my head, and praying while driving. We might exclaim that this is an impossible command.

Prayer is an important act of devotion to God. It is through prayer that

we not only ask our request, but we give thanks to all that God has given to us.

However prayer is not some magical act that can only be done one way. Prayer is our hearts' communication with God. William Law said, "We pray each and every day with our thoughts. The desires of our hearts – whether good or bad – are prayers."

We all pray. Each and every day you send up hundreds of thoughts and desires to God. Take the time to send up prayers of thanks and gratitude. When we begin to thank God for all he has done – we can see with new eyes the blessings he continuously gives.



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For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.

Aerial port rolls into action

Continued from Page 1 and 747s landed on the morning of Sept. 9th, and within hours departed, loaded with men and material. This cycle was repeated with two and three aircraft a day. In total, members of the 25th loaded over 1 million pounds of cargo and more than 200 soldiers.

"Master Sgt. Lynn Whited spearheaded the entire operation from the start. His planning and execution of this vital mission was flawless," said Maj. Tony Meggs, commander of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron. Meggs also said Whited and Master Sgt. Guy Shields continually went the extra mile to ensure all the cargo reached its destination without problems.

Master Sgt. John Rawls also complimented Whited, saying, "he's my hero. He went harder, longer, while under more pressure than anyone there. I just don't know what kept him on his feet!" Rawls also spoke highly of three men from the 20th SFG. "They were the greatest! There was nothing on their minds but the mission. The only question on their minds was, "How do you deploy your people to a very hostile place quickly, quietly, smoothly, and make sure they have everything they need to survive after they get there?" I think this mindset rubbed off on some people. Nobody asked when their shift was over. There was no



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Master Sgt. Bill Dunson using chains to secure a large truck on board a C-5.



Tech Sgt. Cassandra Hailes waits as the cargo on her K-loader is transferred onto the aircraft.

grumbling, even Tuesday, when the last 747 left after 10 p.m. and we were told to be back at work by 4 a.m. the next day. When we sat down and had a beer after a 20hour day, nobody said, 'look what I did.' Instead we talked about the looks on the faces of the family members left behind, and how certain crusty old master sergeants had to walk away so no one would see them cry. It's very, very, hard to tell a young soldier it's time to give his 2-week old baby back to his wife, and get on the plane."

Rawls also said he appreciated the support of the wing and particularly vice commander Col. Charles Fox.

"When we needed him, Colonel Fox was on the flightline trying to make the air crews see things our way. Often before it's been 'the aircrew knows



Tech Sgt. Cassandra Hailes and Senior Airman Sara Terry look on as Tech Sgts. Greg Benjamin and Adriel Carr push a pallet onto a C-5.

best,' but not this time," he said.

One of the three deploying soldiers working closely with the 25th APS said he'd been on three major deployments previously. He said of the 25th's support, "These guys are the best I've seen. They've made this process easier, and they've worked harder to help us than anyone else ever has before."

"The men and women of the 25th APS stepped up to the challenge," said Meggs. "They left their civilian jobs and families and volunteered to help the 20th Special Forces Group deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. My hat is off to all of them for doing a superb job!"

"Dress for Success"

Here are illustrations of mission-oriented protective postures and some tips to help assure your best chances to survive and operate in a hostile environment

ATSO reminders

Readiness requires attention to detail, remember ability to survive and operate tips

- PRACTICE DRESS OUT Check canister, size and fit mask, attach hood to mask, affix detection tape, review the "ATSO" handbook AFH 32-4014 v4 and Airman's Manual 10-100.
- MASK Certify inspection on DD Form 1574, Serviceable Tag (often called
- ATROPINE AND 2-PAM CHLORIDE AUTO INJECTORS Know when to use, in what order, and where to
- **PRE-ATTACK** Protect assets (cover with plastic). Attach M-8 and M-9 paper to buildings, vehicles and other assets.

 ATTACK – Take cover. Hold
- breathe, don mask, gloves and helmet. Know the location of the closest bunker at all
- POST-ATTACK (CONDITION BLACK) - Survey for damage, injuries, UXO's, contamination and provide first aid as required. Observe M-8/M-9 paper for contamination. Report information on all of this to your Unit Control Center (UCC) or to your Facility Manager for forwarding to the Survival Recovery Center (SRC)

■ EQUIPMENT – Inventory for sizing and status. Be ready. Make sure the HOOD, COAT, PANTS, OVERBOOTS and **GLOVES** have been inspected and are operational.

SENSE OF URGENCY – With all the preparations we have done and are doing for this upcoming ORI, remember that a sense of urgency is at the top of the list that the inspectors will be looking for. When Condition Red, MOPP 4, is implemented, immediately run for your bunker or hit the ground, get under something to protect your head, put on your mask, stay down, covered and finish donning the ensemble. Stay put until Condition BLACK is announced. Every action/execution you take in response to situations must be executed with a SENSE OF URGENCY.

Secure jacket and zipper snaps. 2. Secure back snaps to pants. 3. Tie waist drawstring and tighten side straps. 4. Secure leg zippers and velcro protective flaps.

- 5. Secure pant fly snaps and zippers. 6. Tie ankle drawstrings outside (use bow knot).
- 7. Lace boots snugly.
- 8. Make sure boots are inside pants legs.
- 9. Ensure mask carrier is worn. 10. Place gloves and glove inserts in the GCE pocket.
- 11. Make sure M-9 tape is attached. 12. Put name and rank on the front and back of the helmet and hood. and right front pocket of the GCE jacket.
- 13. Accomplish mask inspection at least once every 7 days during wartime and once every 6 months during peacetime. 14. Annotate inspection on DD Form 1574.



MOPP Alpha

Key points to remember in MOPP Alpha

- Worn when the threat is nuclear or biological Worn when chemical threat is minimal and down wind from present condition

MOPP

Key points to remember in MOPP 1

Automatic when ALARM CONDITION YELLOW is declared in an NBC environment

Jacket and pants only of the chemical ensemble



MOPP

Key points to remember in MOPP 2

Over boots added to

the ensemble

Usually
used to reduce
transition time
from MOPP 1 to MOPP 4





MOPP 3

Key points to remember in MOPP 3

Mask and hood are added to MOPP 2
No gloves are worn to improve tactile sense for individuals performing delicate tasks requiring unhindered sense of feel or touch touch



MOPP

Key points to remember in MOPP 4

■ Wear
everything
■ Maximum
protection from the hazards of an NBC environment

Far from home

908 CES firefighter Staff Sgt. Chris checks air tanks at a deployed location. Chris is part of an unusual unit; he's a member of a fire department made up of entirely of Air Force reservists. Dealing with heat, both of the desert and of the flames, is just one of the many challenges that come with being a firefighter. For this rotation, the firefighters mainly came from the 908th CES and the 446th Civil Engineering Flight out of McChord AFB Base, Wash.

It's not MasterCard but some will never leave home without it

ID cards prepare airmen for deployment

By Capt. Amie Brockway Air Combat Command Public

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — An airman's projected deployment information can fit inside his or her wallet thanks to the new air and space expeditionary force identification card available online.

Officials at the AEF Center here recently introduced the cards as a way to help airmen understand the details of their deployments.

"The cards were designed because many airmen don't know when they are deploying," said Master Sgt. Tonya

Web site development and maintenance for the center. "They can now be more aware of the details so they can plan better and get the training they need to deploy."

A visit to AEF Online results in a personalized card that can be printed on any printer and kept in a wallet or purse. The site must be accessed from computers in the dot-mil domain. People should see their unit deployment managers to receive their cards, which take only a few minutes to complete, Brinkley said.

The cards tell airmen what AEFs they belong to and their individual unit

Brinkley, NCO in charge of type codes. The UTC is a code that, when referenced on AEF Online, lists the duties an individual will be required to perform for a deployment. On the back of the card, airmen will find the AEF cycle chart and addresses of Web sites that can give them more predeployment informa-

"Commanders must ensure their airmen are assigned to UTCs, aligned with an AEF and trainedto-task to perform the UTC's mission," said Brig. Gen. Al Peck, AEF Center commander. "There are a variety of tools available to commanders to assist them, like the AEF Online

Web site and the AEF UTC Reporting Tool, which tracks the ability of wings to meet their expeditionary requirements. The AEF ID card is one more tool they can use to keep their people informed."

The idea for an AEF ID card was adapted from cards already in use by the Air Combat Command Directorate of Communications and Information Systems and a few other organizations, Peck said.

We designed the cards to be user-friendly and contain the information people want to know," said Peck.

"The AEF is designed to offer more predictability

and stability to our airmen and their families. If our people take the time to get this card, much of their essential deployment information will be at their fingertips, making deployment planning much easier."

The card can be found at h t t p s : / / aefcenter.acc.af.mil/ AEFC/idcard.htm.

Airmen can find answers to other deploymentrelated questions at AEF Online at https:// aefcenter.acc.af.mil/ eafonline. Both sites must be accessed from computers in the dot-mil domain. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)

September UTA Schedule

<u>Time</u>		<u>e Event</u>	Location/OPR			
		1, 2002				
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room			
Saturd	Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002					
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room			
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT			
0800	0900	Lab Work/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab			
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro / Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT			
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor			
0830	1030	Shots (except Yellow Fever)	Bldg. 760/First Floor			
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/				
		Fitness for Duty (must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room			
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor			
0830	1130	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS			
0830	1200	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS			
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1			
	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA			
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm			
1030	1130	Yellow Fever Shots	Bldg. 760/First Floor			
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Community Center			
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT			
1230	1530	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms			
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119			
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room			
1400	TBD	Unit Security Manager's Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm			
1500	1630	Gas Mask Issue	Bldg. 848/Center Bay			
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room			
		6, 2002				
	0700		ORDERLY ROOM			
0700		SABC Instructor Course	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT			
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room			
	1130	NBC Defense Training (I)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119			
0800		Units At Range M-9 (Firing/Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms			
0815	0900	3SOX1 Training (All units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf.Rm			
	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations) Bldg. 711/Records Room			
$0830 \\ 0900$	$0900 \\ 0930$	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD Form 689) Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS			
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COMF			
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC			
1100	1200	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC			
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT			
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT			
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office			
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room			
1400	1500	HRDC	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room			
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office			
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg 1055/Classroom 2/CES			
1000	TDD	Cian out	Ondonly Doom			

Support functions' schedule

Orderly Room

1600 TBD

Sign-out

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (Bldg. 1573/3-2401		
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 UTA Dates

Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; July 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

October UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes \underline{at} \underline{least} 24 hours prior to arrival.
 - * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
 - * Input your unit's authorization code
 - * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- *The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- *The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- *The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- $\ensuremath{^{*}}\ensuremath{\bar{To}}$ make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays,
- Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- st If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN:493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the October UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local Arrive Aurora at 1800 local Depart Aurora at 1815 local Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday: Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local Arrive Aurora at 1830 local Depart Aurora at 1845 local Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local Depart Dobbins at 1915 local Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local Depart Huntsville at 1915 local Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local Depart Dobbins at 1815 local Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local Depart Huntsville at 1815 local Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions ...to Senior Master Sgt. *Cynthia F. Bennett, 908AW Reynold P. Cecchi, 25APS ...to Master Sgt.

Jon K. Brackin, 357AS Danny R. Brown, 25APS George H. Campbell, LSS Antone Jackson, 25APS *Joseph L. Martin, MXS *Belinda Ray, 357AS ...to Tech. Sgt.

Ernest Geisen, MXS Charles Hammond, 25APS *Anastacia S. Hunter, 357AS *Melissa S. Jablonowski, 25APS *Keith A. Tareco, MXS *Richard S. Taylor, MXS ...to Staff Sgt.

Jujuana Alexander, ASTS David L. Casey, 25APS Kenneth R. Fowler, MXS Shanna L. King, CES Preston D. Lindsey, CF Latosha V. McCoy, CES ...to Senior Airman

Sylvia T. Bibb, MSS Shatanya M. Cook, 25APS Leyvonne Griffin Jr., MXS Jack P. Krystyn Jr., SFS Kenneth J. Mason, MXS Dontrell McCray, 357AS John Metcalf Jr., 357AS Jennifer K. Pierce, LSS Serina Senegar, 25APS ..to Airman First Class Andrea Krystofiak, 357AS ...to Airman

Tifarah D. Boyd, MSS Jerritt B. Thomas, ASTS Jori C. Thomas, MSS

* indicates PEP promotion

908er top graduate



2nd Lt. Tonia Stephens

Congratulations to newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Tonia Stephens, distinguished graduate of the Guard and Reserve Academy of Military Science Class 0-2002-4. Stephens is now assigned to 25th APS.

ROA meets next UTA

The next ROA Reserve Officer Association meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Ritchey Center.

Contact your unit ROA representative



Greetings from the 'Desert Sands'

Master Sgt. Cameron inspects a hose on a R-9 refueler as Staff Sgt Ronnie prepares to store the hose during checkpoint operation. The POL pair are one half of the contingent of 908th LSS (Fuels) members deployed for 90 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Last names of deployed Reservists are withheld for security reasons.

would like to attend.

Employer info needed

Secretary Roche and General Jumper would like to send civilian employers a thank you letter and lapel pin to express gratitude for their

in October if you continued support of www.yourguardians Reservist employees.

> If you have not already submitted your employer submission employer, go to the deadline is Oct. 15. hotlink "http://

offreedom.com/ thanks." The final

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To the Family of:



Sept. 11 anniversary commemorative ceremony

908AW Commander Col. James Stewart administers the oath of enlistment to a group enlistees and re-enlistees on the Maxwell AFB flightline Sept. 11. The event was held in commemoration

of the first anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The theme for the ceremony was "We will always remember: We will proudly serve."